PATENT APPLICATION

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE **TECHNOLOGY CENTER ART UNIT 1765**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Kazuyoshi TAMURA et al.

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SILICON FOCUS RING AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE SAM

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 CFR §1.11/26

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the June 12, 2002 Final Office Action, the shortened statutory period for reply being extended by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please replace Figures 1A, 1B and 2 pursuant to the attached Letter to the Official Draftsperson.

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 are pending. By this Amendment, the drawings are replaced pursuant to the Letter to the Official Draftsperson. No new matter is added by any of these amendments. Reconsideration based on the following remarks is respectfully requested.